

SAN FRANCISCO LETTER

Latest News Advice per O. S. S.
Alameda, January 9.

[From our San Francisco Correspondent.]

(Continued.)

Washington News.

The discussion before the committee on banking and currency in the House indicates that they will report in favor of the repeal of the Sherman Act for the purpose of stopping of silver purchases.

The prospects are that committee's bill to prevent hydraulic mining in California, Nevada, etc., will pass with slight amendments. If it does it will be of great benefit to this State.

The Treasury Department has taken active measures to protect the Pacific Coast from cholera, which State Department advises say has broken out in China. As a result of the alarming reports from United States Consuls in China and of the vigorous representations of quarantine officials of the Pacific Coast Secretary Foster to day asked the Navy Department for a ship to be used as a quarantine ship. Orders were sent to Mare Island for the old Iroquois to be taken to Port Townsend. She will be fitted up as a quarantine and fumigating ship, and will be under charge of the Marine Hospital Service. The orders call for immediate action.

By a ruling of the Secretary of the Navy, the Union Iron Works will not get one of the warship contracts. They will go to Cramp & Son of Philadelphia.

A bill has been presented to provide for a temporary government for Alaska. It provides that the seat of government shall be at Sitka, and the executive power vested in the Governor and Secretary. The territory is designated as one judicial district, with a resident District Judge. The bill directs the President to appoint seven Commissioners with the powers of County Judges at an annual salary of \$2000 each. Other minor officers are provided for, and the general laws of the State of Oregon are declared to be the law in the Territory of Alaska. Dealing in or the manufacturing of liquors is prohibited, save for medicinal purposes, by licensed druggists. All persons, including Indians, born or naturalized in the United States, residing in Alaska at the time of the passage of the Act, are declared citizens of the United States, and no person who cannot speak the English language in ordinary conversation is to be allowed to vote or hold electoral office.

San Francisco News.

The city finances are \$300,000 short.

The preliminary exhibit of the Californian display at Chicago is now on the market for sale to close the estate of the late J. Mervyn Donahue. It is thought that the Seligman, the New York bankers, will be the purchasers, though the North Pacific Coast railroad (narrow gauge) will be in the market.

N. F. Potts was held up and robbed on the street by two women recently on O'Farrell street.

The Olympic Club gymnasium will be opened to the wives, daughters and sisters of the members of the club.

The Alaska salmon cannery owners have formed a trust for the management of their properties, the capital being \$6,000,000. The pack of 1893 will be limited to 650,000 cases.

Dr. C. C. O'Donnell has filed an election contest against L. R. Ellert. He alleges corruption in the polling booths, and states that he was counted out. Henry H. Scott has also begun a contest for the office of sheriff.

The Southern Pacific has reduced rates on canned goods, wine, beans, etc., to meet the competition of the clippers.

Two Mexican workmen recently unearthed about \$1000 in old Dutch and Spanish gold pieces while digging a cellar in Alameda recently.

W. S. Barnes, the District Attorney and son of General W. H. L. Barnes, was married on the 6th inst. to Miss Delphine Delmas, daughter of D. M. Delmas.

Work is rapidly progressing on the new building of the Hawaiian Club. It will be one of the finest structures in San Francisco.

Miss Virginia Fair, daughter of the Senator, is engaged to be married to Prince Pomatouski the grandson of old Stanislaus Pomatouski, the last king of Poland. Of course the Fair millions are expected to accompany the bargain.

The Cleveland schoolhouse at Twelfth and Folsom streets was seriously damaged by fire on the 8th inst. On the same day the New Jerusalem Church (Levee) was gutted by fire.

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How the Great Epic Poet Described a "Stinging" Match—Some of His "Copy" Would Be Rejected by the Average Sporting Editor—His Wrestling Bouts.

There was a time—between 2,000 and 3,000 years ago—when it was as well worth while for a man to be a champion pugilist as it is now. Such a man was then appreciated at his full value, ever taking as the measure of that value his own opinion of himself. He who could meet all comers at the Olympian games ceased thereafter to be an ordinary mortal. The government supported him for life, he was exempt from taxes, he had a free pass to all public entertainments, his name was engraved on marble tablets and his statue was erected in the sacred grove of Elis, beside the gold and ivory Jupiter of Phidias. The games themselves in which he had won honor formed epochs in history, by reference to which the dates of other events were fixed.

Homer, in describing the games held by Achilles at the funeral of his friend, Patroclus, tells how the hero put up as "prizes of the violent boxing match" a valuable man, a warranted sound, for the victor and for the vanquished a two handled cup. It was to be a free to all, go-as-you-please fight, and from all that appears no betting was allowed.

Homer continues: "Forthwith arose a man great and valiant and skilled in boxing, Epeus, son of Panopeus, and laid his hand on the sturdy mule and said aloud: 'Let any one come and take the two handled cup, but the mule I say none other of the Achians shall take for victory with his fists, for I claim to be the best man here. I will utterly bruise mine adversary's flesh and break his bones; so let his friends abide together here and bear him forth when vanquished by my hands.'"

Our modern gladiator has publicly voiced practically the same sentiment, thus: "I am John L. Sullivan and I can lick any man in this crowd."

The poet goes on: "Alone arose against him Euryalus, a godlike man, son of King Meletemus. Tydides, famous with the spear, made ready Euryalus for the fight, cheering him with speech and greatly desired for him victory. And first he cast about him a girdle, and next gave him the well cut thongs of the hide of an ox of the field, and the two boxers, being girt, went into the midst of the ring, and both, lifting up their stalwart hands, fell to, and their hands joined battle grievously. Then was there terrible grinding of teeth, and sweat flowed from all their limbs. And noble Epeus came on, and, as the other sped for an opening, smote him on the cheek, nor could he longer stand, for his fair limbs failed straightway under him. And as when beneath the north wind's ripple a fish leapt on a tangle covered beach, and then the black wave hideth it, so leaped up Euryalus at that blow. But great hearted Epeus took him in his hands and set him upright and his dear comrades stood around him and bore him from the ring with trailing limbs."

He went out, clotted blood, drooping his head away, and they set him down in his swoon among them and themselves went back and fetched the two handled cup."

Euryalus was knocked out in one round. Such a description of the similar New Orleans contest would perhaps serve people better than the elaborate work of art which was prepared for them. The poet does not descend to details—he does not give information enough. But then perhaps Homer does not aim to give information merely. He seeks rather to present a picture, and the picture is there.

It will be noticed that there were no "clinchers" in this struggle, but it is otherwise in the next game which the greatest of epic bards goes on to describe. Achilles offers a tripod for use before the fire as a prize for the winner in the "grievous wrestling match," and, speaking to the assembled Greeks, opens the contest with these words, "Rise all who would enter this combat."

"Thereupon arose great Ajax, son of Telamon, and Odysseus, of many wiles, the crafty minded. And the two being girt went into the midst of the ring and clasped each other in their arms with mighty hands like gable rafters of a lofty house which some famed craftsman joined, that he may baffle the wind's force. And their backs creaked, gripped firmly under the vigorous hands, and sweat ran down in streams, and many weals along their ribs and shoulders sprang up red with blood, while ever they strove again for victory, to win the wrought tripod."

After this sort of thing had gone on for awhile it "began to ink the well greaved Achians"—i. e., it made the crowd tired. To settle matters, Ajax, by agreement, first lifts Odysseus and tries to throw him, but he "struck deftly from behind the hollow of Ajax' knee and loosed his limbs and threw him down backward, and Odysseus fell upon his chest, and the people stared and wondered. Then in his turn much enduring, noble Odysseus tried to lift, and carried him a little from the ground, but could not lift him, so he crooked his knee within the other's, and both fell on the ground near to each other and were soiled with dust."

Then Achilles interposes. "Victory is with both," he said. "Take equal prizes and depart that other Achians may contend." In modern parlance, they fought to a draw. There was no "kicking" against the referee's decision. The combatants "wiped the dust from them and put their doublets on." The description is poetical—not practical. It has been admired and lauded by all the world for 3,000 years or more, yet if it was sent to the average American newspaper editor as an account of an actual occurrence for publication in the sporting columns it would be rejected with scorn.—New York World.

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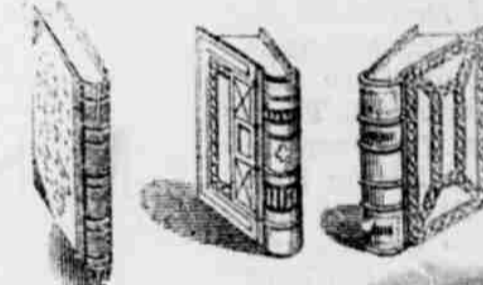
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